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Applicant	:	Myles S. Douglas)	Group Art Unit: 3731
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Appl. No.	:	09/783,720)	
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Filed	:	February 14, 2001)	
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For	:	BIFURCATED VASCULAR GRAFT AND METHOD AND APPARTUS FOR DEPLOYING SAME)	
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Examiner	:	Uyen T. Ho)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2001. The Examiner has required restriction to one of two inventions:

Group I (Claims 1-17), drawn to a bifurcated vascular graft, classified in Class 623, Subclass 1.35;

Group II (Claims 18-20), drawn to a method of making a bifurcated vascular graft, classified in Class 623, Subclass 1.35.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims directed to Group I, classified in Class 623, Subclass 198, in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the nonelected claims in one or more divisional applications. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of Claims 1-17 is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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